

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming and reading apparatus comprising:
image forming means which form an image on a fed recording sheet;
and
image reading means which read the image of a fed document,
wherein at least a portion of the feeding path of the recording sheet
is common to at least a portion of the feeding path of the document, and the
image reading means can be set to a first position evacuated from the
common feeding path and to a second position at which the image of the
document that is fed through the common feeding path is read, and a
reading position at which the image is read by the image reading means is
located downstream of the image forming means in a recording sheet
feeding direction.
2. An image forming and reading apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the image reading means moves to the second position only when it
reads the document.
3. An image forming and reading apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the document and the recording sheet are fed by the same feeding
means in the common feeding path.
4. An image forming and reading apparatus according to claim 1,
comprising a moving means for moving the image reading means to the first
position and the second position.

5. An image forming and reading apparatus according to claim 1, the image reading means faces in a different direction at the first position and the second position.

6. An image forming and reading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image reading means is located at a position lower than the maximum height of the image forming means at the first position.

7. An image forming and reading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a reading density reference member is attached to the image reading means and is evacuated from the common feeding path to the first position together with the image reading means

8. An image forming and reading apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the reading density reference member is attached rotatably with reference to the image reading means, and density reference surface of the reading density reference member can be rotated in a direction where it is separated from reading surface of the image reading means.

9. An image forming and reading apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the feeding path of the document is formed between the image reading means and the reading density reference member, and when the image reading means is moved to the second position, the feeding path of the document is in agreement with the feeding path of the recording sheet.

10. An image forming and reading apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the reading density reference member comprises a white sheet

member.

11. An image forming and reading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image reading means comprises storage means for storing the shading correction data and stores the data for correcting shading in the storage means beforehand.

12. An image forming and reading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image forming means executes recording by ejecting an ink according to a signal.

13. An image forming and reading apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the image forming means energizes an electro-thermal transducer according to a signal and ejects the ink by the thermal energy generated by the electro-thermal transducer.

14. An image forming and reading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first position is located downstream of the image forming means in a recording sheet feeding direction.